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TO: Deputy Director (Administration) DATE:
FROM: Advisor for Management
SUBJECT: Staff Study Concerning Project Review Committee.

I. The Problem

Revision of procedures for the Project Review Committee.

II. Discussion

1. By present system PRC reviews and recommends to the Director on projects involving monetary expenditures and specifically to examine projects where funds were not previously provided in the budget. In practice the Committee actually questioned the desirability and validity of many proposed projects including such findings in their recommendations to the Director. However, existing Regulations do not clearly specify this authority.

2. One weakness of the present system lies in the possibility that a project, part of a larger and previously approved project, could be implemented without the knowledge or approval of the senior CIA officials.

3. The present system has become an administrative problem sufficient to warrant full time personnel in the form of a Committee Secretariat.

4. The Deputy Directors could either be a part of the Committee or Regulations should provide that Committee findings must be brought to the attention of the appropriate Deputy Directors before forwarding to the Director.

5. Present Regulations should be rewritten to define clearly:

a. Which projects can be approved by submission to the Secretariat and which projects must go to the PRC as a whole.

b. Which of those submitted to PRC may be approved by Deputy Directors and which must be processed to the Director.

6. Present Regulation makes no provision for assigning responsibilities for proper implementation of Committee recommendations.

III. Recommendations

1. The Project Review Committee consist of:

Deputy Director (Administration) or his Designee	-	Chairman
Comptroller	-	Member
General Counsel	-	Member
Assistant Director Sponsoring the Project	-	Member
Appropriate Deputy Director or his Designated Representative	-	Member
Chief, PRC Secretariat	-	Recorder(without vote)

Such advisory personnel without vote as required by the Chairman or the sponsoring official.

2. That the Secretariat be established as a function or part of the Covert Contract Committee of the Comptroller's Office.

3. Responsibilities for approval of projects and for implementing approved Committee recommendations be defined.

4. Approval of the attached Regulation which embodies the above recommendations.

Advisor for Management

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Director or Deputy Director

Attachment: Proposed CIA Regulation.

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REMARKS: Here are some thoughts on the PRC problem. Detailed discussion could go on endlessly & obviously there are a variety of possible solutions. Further new procedures being prepared. Will discuss

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